



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: HAJMIRAGHA, Mir)
Application No.: 09/455,266) **Preliminary Amendment**
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In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, please insert

-- Priority Claim

This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No.

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In the Claims:

Please add the following claim:

20. The system of Claim 1, wherein said digital signature component applies the rights of a notary public to a digital certificate and digital signature by assigning a publicly notarized personal signature to a specific digital certificate.